

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows. No new matter has been added, the following amendment is merely to a correct typographical error.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 (beginning on line 14 and ending on line 22) with the following replacement paragraph:

Certain circumstances are inherently difficult for windowing protocols. Situations where the link delay is very large, or where the transmission rate sufficiently exceeds the window size are very difficult for windowing protocols. For instance, in the previous example, if the link delay was large enough that 200 unit buffers could be transmitted before the receiving end received the first buffer of data, then the window size of 4 would mean that the link could not be more than 1% utilized (200 buffer time from transmitter to receiver and 200 buffer time on acknowledgment from receiver back to transmitter equals 400 buffer time taken for every 4 buffers transmitted). The situation is worse, of course, if the receiver takes a long time to decide to acknowledge the transmission.